

## **NEWSLETTER – JULY 2004**

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### **Emergency Management Council's Task Force on Local Programs Compiles Survey Results**

Thank you to the 39 counties, 182 cities and ten tribes that contributed to this significant effort to look at the "state of emergency management" in Washington.

The Washington State Emergency Management Council's Task Force on Local Programs has finished compiling the survey results of its study of the state of emergency management at the local program level. There is some work yet to be done by the Taskforce in finalizing the findings and recommendations, but the draft report is in their hands. The final report will be delivered to the State Emergency Management Council in September.

All 39 counties responded to the survey, responsible for providing emergency management for 66 percent of Washington's population of 6.1 million. Fifty-three (53) of the 87 cities responsible for citywide emergency management responded to the survey, representing an additional 28 percent of Washington's population.

Ten of the 29 federally recognized tribes responded to the survey, representing over one-half of Washington's population residing on tribal lands.

One hundred twenty-nine (129)-66 percent-of the 194 cities that are part of a county or joint local emergency management program responded to a shorter version of the survey.

These survey results are being used in conjunction with other research and study findings to identify the strengths and gaps in, and develop recommendations to improve, the statewide system of emergency management in Washington State.

In 2003 the Washington State Emergency Management Council (EMC) created the Task Force on Local Programs to look at "the state of emergency management" in Washington's counties, cities and tribes. The EMC created the Task Force to conduct this study as part of its annual commitment to report to the Governor on statewide emergency preparedness.

For more information on the Task Force on Local Programs, please visit [www.EMCTaskforce.org](http://www.EMCTaskforce.org), or contact:

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